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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] furnishing the information is appended.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) Does not arise.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask why the grazing fee is six annas only in some cases and eight annas in others?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The fees are fixed according to the local conditions."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether in panchayat areas the panchayats have any discretion in the matter of levying the fees, or whether the Government fix the fees which the panchayats should levy?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"That question should be addressed to my hon. Colleague the Revenue Member."

Irrigation

Disposal of the temporary staff at Cauvery-Mettur on completion of the Project.

* 761 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength is of the temporary staff employed at Cauvery-Mettur now;

(*b*) what the Government propose to do with them as soon as the project work is completed;

(*c*) whether there is any chance of taking them into the Public Works Department or other departments; and

(*d*) if they are to be ousted, whether any compensation or gratuity will be paid to them?

A.—(*a*) A statement[b] is laid on the table.

(*b*) & (*c*) The staff employed in the project consists of officers and subordinates of the Public Works Department and of other departments such as Revenue, Public Health and Medical. Permanent officers and subordinates of these departments will on the termination of their employment in the project revert to their respective departments. Men employed in the project who hold a superior lien on temporary or acting appointments in these departments will also revert to their departments. Clerks, typists, draughtsmen and tracers who have been recruited to the project direct have already been distributed over the different circles in the Public Works Department and this will enable their service in the Cauvery-Mettur Project being taken into account for purposes of retention in service and confirmation when, on their ceasing to be employed in the project, they revert to their circles.

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a Printed as Appendix I on pages 81–84 infra.

b Printed as Appendix II on pages 84–85 infra.

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(*d*) The question of granting gratuity to the permanent staff of other departments employed in the project does not arise as they will revert to their original departments. Temporary employees are not eligible for any gratuity under the Civil Service Regulation.

Local Self-Government

Panchayats in the Province.

* 762 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of panchayats now existing in each of the districts of this Province; and

(*b*) the number of panchayats started last year in each district and the number of panchayats abolished last year?

A.—Statements [a] giving the particulars are appended.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" The statement shows that 386 panchayats were constituted and 212 were abolished last year. May I ask whether an equally large number of panchayats are abolished every year and, if so, for what reasons? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The power of abolishing non-union panchayats has been delegated to the Inspector and I do not think I will be able to give the reasons why they have been abolished in each case. Every year some panchayats are abolished because they are found to be working unsatisfactorily."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I take it that all the existing panchayats are active ones? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" They are not dormant."

Agriculture

Measures for improving the rice trade in the Province.

* 763 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what measures are under the consideration of the Government for helping rice trade in this Province?

A.—The measures taken or under consideration have already been explained to the Council by the Hon. the Revenue Member in his speech on the debate on the resolution for land revenue remission on 31st January 1934. They are repeated below:—

(i) The Local Government have urged on the Government of India the necessity for either the total prohibition of import of, or the imposition of prohibitive duties on, foreign rice in the interests of the rice-producing Provinces;

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a Printed as Appendix III on page 86 infra.